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DATE: February 5, 2002

SESA ISSUANCE NO. 02-12

SUBJECT: Pre-Season Regional Meeting

1. **Purpose:** To advise State Workforce Agency Administrators of a two-day Pre-Season Regional Meeting, to be held in Boston on February 26 and 27, 2002.

2. **Background:** Federal Regulation 653.108(e) states that State Monitor Advocates shall attend training sessions required by the Regional Monitor Advocate. The 2-day Pre-Season Regional Meeting will include an informational/networking session on H-2A issues for the upcoming harvest season with Regional/State Foreign Labor Certification Unit staff and Monitor Advocates. The State Foreign Labor Certification Unit staff will meet on the afternoon of February 26th to discuss H-2B issues and Permanent Cases. The activities of February 27th require the participation of Monitor Advocates only. On that day, we will host the 2nd Monitor Advocate Semi-Annual meeting with Robert Semler, Regional Administrator, and myself; and a strategic planning session to develop this year's Work Plan to improve services to domestic migrant and seasonal farm workers in New England. For your reference, we are enclosing a tentative agenda.

3. **Logistics:** The Meeting will be held in the Boston Regional Office. Directions to our office and a listing of area accommodations can be found at our website <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg01bos/public/hotels.htm>. In addition, The Bostonian Hotel has rooms available at the government rate of \$159.00 per night. The hotel's phone number is 617-523-3600.

4. **Action Required:** Administrators are encouraged to authorize the attendance and participation of the State Foreign Labor Certification Unit staff all day February 26th, and the attendance of State Monitor Advocates on February 26th and February 27th.

5. **Inquiries:** Questions concerning this issuance should be directed to Raimundo Lopez, Certifying Officer, at 617-565-2239; or Doris Lissette Geán, Regional Monitor Advocate, at 617-565-2268.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph F. Stoltz".

Joseph F. Stoltz
Regional Director
for Workforce Security

PRE-SEASON REGIONAL MEETING

Tentative Agenda

*John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Government Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02203*

Tuesday, February 26, 2002 – Room E-245

- 9:00 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM** **Welcoming Remarks.....** *Joseph Stoltz*
- 10:15 AM** **Informational/Networking Session on H-2A Issues.....** *Raimundo Lopez*
Lissette Geán
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:00 PM** **H-2B/Permanent Cases Discussion.....** *Raimundo Lopez*
Donna Russo
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 27, 2002 – Room E-350

- 9:00 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM** **2nd Semi-Annual Monitor Advocate Meeting
with Regional Administrator & OWS Director.....** *Robert J. Semler*
Joseph Stoltz
- 11:30 AM** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:00 PM** **Strategic Planning Session** *Lissette Geán*
- O*NET/SOC.....** *Paul Cleary*
- Reporting Process – Refresher.....** *Lissette Geán*
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**